

Aburatsu-Nichinan, Miyazaki, Japan

Where samurai streets meet subtropical coast. Nichinan packs cave shrines, Japan's only Easter Island–approved Moai replicas, and the Kyushu region's most atmospheric castle town into one shore day.

Docked (East Wharf, Aburatsu Port)

Typical call: 8–10 hrs

Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY)

Language: Japanese

Car/taxi recommended — sites are spread out

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Alongside at Aburatsu Port East Wharf; no tendering required

Best For: History lovers, shrine seekers, and anyone curious about samurai culture

Walk to center: ~10 min walk to Aburatsu town; Nichinan & Obi require a taxi or tour

Don't Miss: Udo Shrine inside its seaside cave — unlike anything else in Japan

Getting around: **Taxi** ¥2,500–¥3,000 to city center · **Rideshare** Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Udo Shrine** — One of Japan's most dramatic Shinto shrines, built inside a sea cave on a rugged cliff above the Pacific.
- Obi Castle Town** — The 'Little Kyoto of Kyushu,' Obi was a samurai stronghold for 500 years.
- Sun Messe Nichinan & Moai Statues** — Seven full-size Moai replicas stand against the Pacific skyline — the only ones in the world created with official permission from Easter Island's...
- Aoshima Island & Devil's Washboard** — Connected by a small bridge, subtropical Aoshima Island is ringed by natural rock formations called the 'Devil's Washboard' — wave-carved platforms...
- Cape Toi Wild Horses** — At the tip of the Nichinan Coast, Misaki horses have roamed freely for over 300 years.

BEST WALKS

- Aburatsu Waterfront Stroll** 1–2 km | Flat | 30–45 min | From the pier — From the cruise pier, walk along the waterfront toward Aburatsu town center.
- Obi Castle Town Loop** 2 km | Flat | 1.5–2 hrs | In Obi (20 min taxi) — Obi's preserved samurai district is compact and walkable.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		68°	54°	11d
Jun		79°	68°	15d
Aug		88°	75°	13d
Sep		83°	70°	12d
Oct		75°	61°	9d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 4:40AM–6:06PM · Jun 3:39AM–7:07PM · Aug 4:26AM–6:27PM · Sep 5:02AM–5:33PM · Oct 5:37AM–4:39PM

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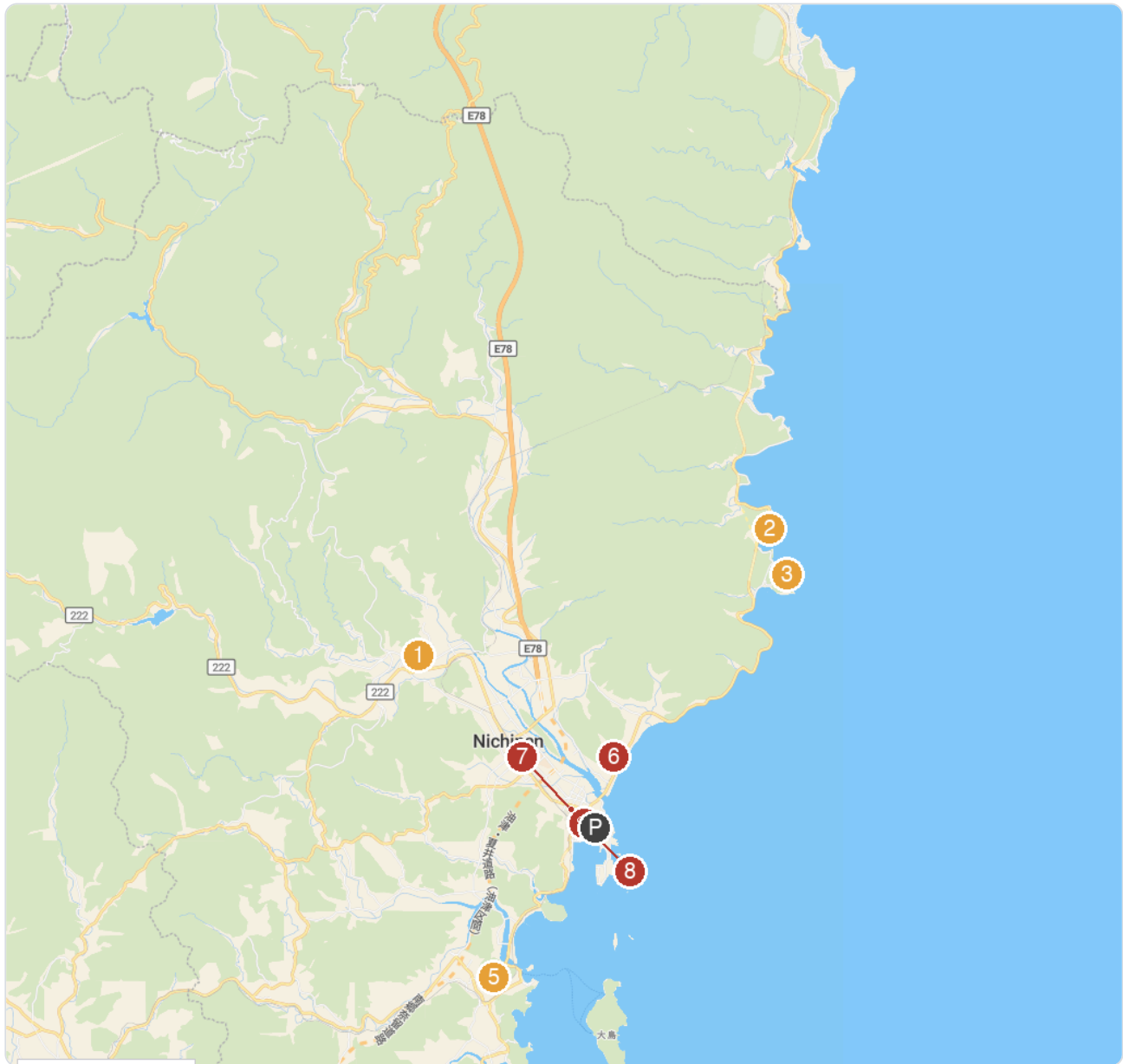
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book transport in advance. Taxis and private guides fill up fast on cruise days. Pre-arrange through your cruise line or a local shore excursion company — don't expect to flag one down at the pier.
- Carry yen cash. Many small temples, shrines, and Obi town shops are cash-only. ATMs at 7-Eleven or Japan Post accept foreign cards if you need to withdraw.
- Wear comfortable shoes. Udo Shrine involves a descent of roughly 200 stone steps to the cave; Obi Castle Town is mostly flat paving stones.
- Download offline maps and translate. English signage is sparse at smaller sites. Google Maps works well for navigation; download the offline Japanese language pack for Translate.
- Try chicken nanban. Miyazaki's signature dish — fried chicken glazed with sweet-and-sour sauce and topped with tartar sauce — is found in virtually every local restaurant and is excellent.
- Subtropical sun. Nichinan is warm and sunny even in spring and autumn. Sunscreen and a hat are essential, especially at open coastal sites like Sun Messe and Cape Toi.

Aburatsu-Nichinan, Miyazaki, Japan — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Obi Castle Ruins | Historic site of a former samurai castle town. | 2 Sun Messe Nichinan | Park with replica Moai statues and ocean views. |
| 3 Udo Shrine | Shrine built inside a seaside cave, unique architecture. | 4 Aburatsu red brick house | Historic red brick building, former Aburatsu Bank. |
| 5 Central Park | Relaxing city park with greenery and walking paths. | 6 Komamiya Shrine | Traditional Japanese shrine with a peaceful atmosphere. |
| 7 Aburatsu shopping street | Lively street for local shopping and dining. | 8 Horikawa canal | Historic canal for scenic boat rides and walks. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |